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## WARNING: NEVER TRY TO INSERT OR REMOVE A GAME PAK WHEN THE POWER IS ON!

Turn the pover OFF on your N64 ${ }^{\text {mi }}$.
Insert the Game Pak into the slot on the N64 ${ }^{\text {min }}$. Press
firmly to lock the Game Pak in place.
Turn the pover switch ON. After the appearance of the title and legal screens, you may bypass at any time by pressing START.


## CONTROLLER PAK MENU

Press and hold START upon powering up or reset to access the Controller Pak Menu. This vrill allow you to vievr and delete saved information from a Nintendo 64 Controller Pak.

## note

Loading and saving of data can only be accomplished with a Controller Pak that is inserted in Slot 1. If you attempt to save data with your controller plugged into one of the other 3 slots, the data will not save to your Controlier Pak.

The Nintendo 64 Control Stick uses an analog system to read the angles and directions of its movement. This allows precision control that is not possible using the conventional Control Pad. When turning the Control Deck power ON, do not move the Control Stick from its neutral position on the controller.


If the Control Stick is held at an angled position (as shown in the picture on the left) when the power is turned ON, this position will be set as neutral. This will cause games using the Control Stick to operate incorrectly.


To reset the neutral position once the game has started, let go of the Control Stick so it can return to its center position (as shown in the picture on the left) then press START while holding down the $\mathbf{L}$ and $\mathbf{R}$ Buttons.

The Control Stick is a precision instrument, make sure not to spill liquids or place any foreign objects into it. If you need assistance, contact Nintendo Consumer Assistance at 1-800-255-3700 or your nearest Nintendo Authorized Repair Center:

Before you begin your game, familiarize yourself vith the controls.


## QuITTInG A GAME In PROGRESS

Press START to pause the game. The Pause Options Screen vill appear: Highlight EXITGAME, then press the A Button. When prompted to confirm, select YES and press the $\mathbf{A}$ Button again.

## MULTIPLE PLAYERS

NBA Showtime supports up to 4 players. At anytime before or during a game, players can begin or join a game in progress automatically by picking up a controller and pressing START. Remember, all controllers must be plugged in before pover up

Displayed below is the default controller configuration. You can modify this configuration if you choose. (See Controls, pg. 8.)


## DEFAULTS

Offense:
Turbo
Shoot R Button or $\mathbf{Z}$ Button

Pass B Button

## Defense:

Block/Rebound ........ B Button
Steal . ............... A Button
Shove/Push ......... R Button or Z Button + A Button
See Cool Moves, pg. 19 - 23, for descriptions and controls for special moves.


At the Demo or Title Screen, press the START Button to viev, the Start/Options Screen. Press your Control Pad Up or Down, then press the A Button to select an option. When you select Start Game, the Select Player Number Screen appears.

Press your Control Pad Left or Right to highlight the player number you want to use, then press the A Button. Up to 4 players may use this screen to take turns selecting their teammates and preferred player number.
After players make selections, the Main Menu appears See Main Menu, pg. 9.
Select Options to go to the Options Screen.

To make changes to the available options, press the Control Pad Left or Right.

## DIFFICULTY

You can adjust the level of Difficulty, so the CPU opponent wont run up the score on you. If you're just getting started with the game, you might want to start with a lower difficulty
 setting until your gameplay improves. MUSIC
Fine tune the audio levels of the games Music.

## EFFECTS

Adjust the audio level of the games Sound Effects. CLOCK
You can also fine tune the speed of the game Clock. controls
Select from three preset configurations. Heres hov: Press your Control Pad Up or Down to highlight the controller you want to modify (1,2,3 or 4 ), then press the $\mathbf{A}$ Button. To modify your controller, press your Control Pad Left or Right to select from the three preset controller configurations.
When you've finished, select Exit to view the Controller Configuration Select Screen to modify the other controllers, or select Exit again to return to the Options Menu.

## nOTE

Options can not be saved to your Controller Pak.


At the Start/Options Screen, select Start Game to view the Player Number Select Screen. After selecting numbers the Main Menu will appear. Press the Control Pad Left or Right to highlight an option, then press the A Button to select one of three options:

## EnTER INITIALS

This option first takes you to the Enter Name Screen. Up to 4 players can enter initials and pin numbers. This process allows the game to accumulate your personal stats each time you enter your name and pin number prior to each game.
If you've created a player character, enter the name you chose when you created your player (see Create Player, pg. 11). The game will make that character available at the Choose Team Screen (see Selecting Your Team, pg. 15).
To enter your name:
1 Press your Control Pad Up, Down, Left or Right to highlight a letter or number, then press the A Button to select. Repeat step 1 to enter the letter or number you want. Select the blank box (space) to separate letters or BCK (delete) to fix mistakes.

2 Select END to enter the name, and go to the Enter Pin option.
3 Repeat the above process to select a personal pin number for your name. If you've entered a created player's name at
the Enter Name Screen, enter the pin number you chose for that player. His or her name will appear at the Choose Team
 Screen (see Selecting Your Team, pg. 15).

## nOTE

Your Controller Pak will hold no more than 32 different saved names. After the 32 nd saved name, previously saved data vill be overvritten based on when they were created To manage your data, view the Controller Pak Menu (see page 4).

## WARning

Any unwanted saved names cannot be deleted individually. Attempting to do so (by means of deleting the NBA Shorrtime note in the Controller Pak Menul) will delete all other saved names.

## SELECT TEAM

Select this option to go directly to the Choose Team Screen. You can select the team you want, then get right on the court quick and easy (see Selecting Your Team, pg. 15).


This One Player option lets you create your own character, and take on the NBA's best players. You can also modify a previously created player. Prior to any game you play, you can enter your created player's name and pin number. The nev: character will then be available at the Select Team Screen (see Selecting Your Team, pg. 15).

## EnTER NAME/PIn

Your nevdly created player will need a name and personal pin number. Follow these steps:
1 Press your Control Pad Up, Down, Left or Right to highlight letters or numbers, then press the A Button to select.
2 Repeat step 1 until up to six characters have been entered. Select the blank box to separate letters or BCK (delete) to fix mistakes.

3 Select END to accept. You'll go to the Enter Pin option.
4 Repeat steps 1 and 2 in the above process to select a personal pin number for character. When you've finished, the game will tell you vihether your character has or doesn't have a record.

Press your Control Pad Up or Down to highlight an option, then press the $\mathbf{A}$ Button to select it. The following options are available to create your player:

## VIEW STATS

If you have a new character to create, you won't have any accumulated stats to view in this option. If you have created a character, you can enter the name and pin number to viev accumulated statistics. Press the A Button to cycle through the stats.

## HEAD

Press your Control Pad Left or Right to view the available heads for your nev, character. When you've finished, press the A Button to exit and move on to the next option.

## nOTE

Custom uniform colors cannot be changed.

## WARning

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## ATTRIBUTES

Press your Control Pad Up or Down to highlight the attribute you want to modify. Press Control Pad Left or Right to increase or reduce the amount of skill points for a particular attribute. Your total points available are displayed above the attributes.


When you make changes, these points increase or decrease. To make points available for an attribute you want to increase, you must decrease points in other attributes and transfer them.
As you make changes, your attributes will change in the window below your player's likeness. When you've finished, press any button to exit the option.

## PRIVILEGES

You can select 2 of the 7 available privileges for your neve player. Press your Control Pad Up or Down to highlight the privilege you want to select. Press Control Pad Left or Right to select it or access a sub-menu. Here are your choices: STEALTH TURBO


Your player's shoes will not change color, so your opponent won't have the advantage of knowing when youre using Turbo.

## BIG HEAD \& DRONE BIG HEAD

This option places a large head on your character or your drone.

## COURT SELECT

This option allows you to choose your favorite court before each game.

## CHOOSE HOTSPOT

Pick the spot on the court where youd like your player's Hotspot to be. When you take a shot from your hotspot, it's nothing but net! hide attributes
If you choose this option, your opponent won't be able to see your distribution of attribute points at the Choose Team Screen (see Selecting Your Team, pg. 15).

## CHOOSE JERSEY

Press your Control Pad Up or Down to highlight the team whos jersey you vant your created player to wear or Left and Right to select your Home, Away or any other jersey available.

## EDIT NAME

Change saved character's name and number (see Enter/Name Pin, pg. 11).

## SAVE/EXIT

Save your modifications. Select YES to confirm and exit or NO to return to the Create Player options.

## SAVING CREATED PLAYERS

NBA Showtime will only save created players if a Controller Pak is inserted in Controller Port 1. Otherwise, data will be lost when you reset or power down.

## nOTE

Any identical name and number will be overwritten by the most recently saved character data.



The Choose Team Screen displays NBA teams available in the game. Press your Control Pad Up or Down to move the team you vant in the selection window. Press the A Button to select a team and view the available players for that team.
Each player can press the Control Pad Left, Right, Up or
Down to cycle through the available players for the team chosen. Press the A Button to select a player. If you're playing a one player game, you'll have to select a 2nd player for your team.
As you cycle through the roster, their player attributes appear in the wrindow below their faces. When you find the players you vrant, press the A Button to select them and go to the MatchUp Screen.

The Matchup Screen displays the names and logos of the two competing teams. At the bottom portion of the screen, there is a three digit area to enter special codes just like the arcade game. You can enter codes by pressing the Turbo Button (first digit), Shoot Button (second digit) or the Pass Button (third digit).
To input more than one code, follow the procedure above, then quickly press the Control Pad Left, Right, Up or Down. The codes you entered first will flash and remain on-screen. At this point, you can enter another code before the game starts. The first code you entered will be stored, as well as the secand one. Do this procedure quickly, or you'll run out of time.

## TIP

These codes can be found in magazines, strategy guides, the internet or with a little experimentation on your part!

Are you ready to do some high flyin slammin' and jammin'? Let's get you familiar with the game screen before you start. Here are some things you'll need to know:


## JUMP BALL METER

At the start of the game, your player is at center court for the jump ball. The gauges on the right and left display the jump power for each of the two players in the circle.
To have a better chance to win the jump, quickly tap on your Turbo and Jump and Pass Button to boost the power and height of your jump.

## TURBO METER

The top of the screen displays a colored Turbo Meter under the names of the four players on the court. As you use your turbo, the Blue (Player 1), Green (Player 2), Red (Player 3) or Yellow Bar (Player 4) diminishes until it's gone. It recharges automatically when you aren't using it.

## SCOREBOARD

At the top of the screen, the Scoreboard displays the score of the game, the Quarter and the Time remaining. When the clock is under one minute, it's displayed on the lower right of the screen until time expires.

## SHOT CLOCK

When you gain possession of the
 ball, you have 24 seconds to release the ball from your hands toviard the hoop. When the shot clock counts down to 10 seconds, it will appear in the lover left portion of the screen to let you knov. If you don't shoot in time, the words "SHOT CLOCK VIOLATION" will appear, and possession of the ball will be given to the other team.

## PLAYER NUMBER TAGS

Below each player's feet is a colored circle containing a 1,2,3 or 4 . The number lets players 1 through 4 know what player they are controlling on the court. When a player is off-screen, the arrow moves to the side of the screen, pointing to the location of your player.

This is the fun stuff! To learn the cool moves in NBA
Showtime, read through the following information:

## DRIBBLING

The computer takes care of your player's basic dribbling, but you can put some moves into the dribbles to keep from getting the ball stolen. While dribbling, quickly tap the Turbo Button twrice to do a spin move around a player.

## SH0OTInG

In NBA Showtime, theres more to shooting than just pressing the Shoot Button. Theres a good chance that another player will be in-your-face every time you attempt a shot. If a player jumps to block your shot just as you press the Shoot Button, you can hold the button down to delay the release of your shot.
To get a little more height and energy into your shot, try pressing the Turbo and Shoot Button at the same time. Your best chance to nail your jumper occurs vhen you release the ball at the peak of your jump.
Also, to shoot around your opponent try pressing the Control
Pad. in all directions. Your player will do a fade avray, a leanin shot, or a left/right leaning shot depending on which way you hold the Control Pad.

## PASSING

This isn't always such an easy skill. Make sure your man is open when you pass, and don't be a ball hog. It's much harder to take the ball avray from two players working as a team.
You can press the Pass Button as you go to the hoop to dish off to your teammate or to escape opponents in-your-face at the hoop. Skilled Point Guards pass more creatively then big men or forwards.


## REBOUNDING

Don't alvrays assume the ball is going down. Time your jumps at the net, so you can bring it down. Press your Shoot Button and the Turbo Button together to get high in the air. When you get the rebound, your teammate should be running down the floor toward your net. Pass it deep.

Offensive rebounds are a must. Follow your shot to the net to rebound a possible miss, then try pressing the Shoot Button while youre in the air. It's a pretty sweet move.

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## On FIRE!

A player who sinks three hoops in a rov becomes On Fire. The ball will smoke when he gains possession and gains Unlimited Turbo. When he shoots the ball, he has a much greater chance of making any shot he throws. Take full advantage of a teammate whos On Fire. It's no time to be a ball hog. To extinguish a player viho is On Fire, the opposing team needs to make just one basket.
When a team of players do three Alley Oops or Double Dunks in a rov (without the other team making a basket), you achieve Team Fire. At this point, both players are on fire with Unlimited Turbo. Remember, Fire and Team Fire eventually shuts off after 5 shots are made.
Take your opponents to town and start a run. To stop Team Fire, the opposing team must complete an Alley Oop or Double Dunk. If a player or team is On Fire at the end of a quarter, they will still be On Fire to start the next quarter:

## PUSH/SHOVE/FOUL

Here's a move that will help you start a run. Press the Turbo and Pass Button to knock your opponent on his butt. The ball may or may not come loose, but it's a good opportunity to create a turnover. Be careful though, commit 5 fouls and your opponent will be given a 3 Point free throw attempt.

## TIP

A Goaltended basket does not count as a hoop. Do whatever it takes to catch Fire or Team Fire.

## THE ALLEY OOP!

Yes, the most exciting part of the game! Dazzie your friends with this one. As you go hard toward your net, watch for your teammate flying toward the net.
When he jumps high and flashes in the air, press the Pass Button to dish the ball off. If all goes well, he'll slam it home! Press Turbo and the Shoot Button together to go up yourself.

## HEAD FAKE

With your feet planted, quickly tap the Shoot Button to exe-
 cute this move. A well executed head fake may cause your opponent to mis-time his block attempt.

## CLEARING OUT

If for some reason you hold up and have to pass the ball or shoot, quickly tap the Turbo Button to grasp the ball hard and throw elbows from side-to-side. This will make it more difficult for your opponent to steal the ball.

## SPIn MOVE

As you dribble, quickly tap the Turbo Button twrice.

## THE DOUBLE DUNK

Teammates can both jump high and drive hard to the hoop, then the ball carrier must press the Pass Button to dish off to his flashing teammate behind him (next page).

## THE DOUBLE DUNK (CONT’D)

Repeat this move, then leave your opponents guessing if you'll pass or not. Either vay, you should be able to score. The player without the ball must press the Turbo and Shoot Button to jump high toward the net, behind his teammate who should be dishing the ball off.

## BLOCKING SHOTS

This is one of the keys to a great defensive game. Try to time a players shot attempt, then step in front of him and press the Shoot Button. If hes way up there, press your Shoot Button and the Turbo Button to greet him above the rim.

## TIP

A player's attributes will tell you what skill he is best able to perform. A good shooter will make more 3-pointers, a power player will get more rebounds and be harder to clear out, and a dunker will do higher, more exciting dunks. Remember this when you select a player (see Selecting Your Team, pg. 15).


After the 1 st and 3 rd quarters, Coaching Tips are displayed. Read them carefully to get helpful playing tips and special moves. If you go into Overtime, you'll get more tips between each quarter.

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